



BEARFACTS 1992 – 2002

Alexander , North Carolina [37003]

Alexander is one of 100 counties in North Carolina. It is part of the [Hickory-Lenoir-Morganton, NC \(MSA\)](#). Its 2002 population of 34,389 ranked 65th in the state.

PER CAPITA PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Alexander had a per capita personal income (PCPI) of \$24,046. This PCPI ranked 36th in the state and was 87 percent of the state average, \$27,488, and 78 percent of the national average, \$30,821. The 2002 PCPI reflected a decrease of 2.9 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was unchanged national change was 0.8 percent. In 1992 the PCPI of Alexander was \$17,052 and ranked 35th in the state. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of PCPI was 3.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 3.8 percent and for the nation was 4.0 percent.

TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

In 2002 Alexander had a total personal income (TPI) of \$826,923*. This TPI ranked 63rd in the state and accounted for 0.4 percent of the state total. In 1992 the TPI of Alexander was \$485,178* and ranked 64th in the state. The 2002 TPI reflected a decrease of 1.8 percent from 2001. The 2001-2002 state change was 1.5 percent and the national change was 1.8 percent. The 1992-2002 average annual growth rate of TPI was 5.5 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.8 percent and for the nation was 5.2 percent.

COMPONENTS OF TOTAL PERSONAL INCOME

Total personal income includes net earnings by place of residence; dividends, interest, and rent; and personal current transfer receipts received by the residents of Alexander. In 2002 net earnings accounted for 69.6 percent of TPI (compared with 74.3 in 1992); dividends, interest, and rent were 13.3 percent (compared with 13.0 in 1992); and personal current transfer receipts were 17.1 percent (compared with 12.7 in 1992). From 2001 to 2002 net earnings decreased 3.0 percent; dividends, interest, and rent decreased 9.1 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased 10.7 percent. From 1992 to 2002 net earnings increased on average 4.8 percent each year; dividends, interest, and rent increased on average 5.8 percent; and personal current transfer receipts increased on average 8.6 percent.

EARNINGS BY PLACE OF WORK

Earnings of persons employed in Alexander decreased from \$398,331* in 2001 to \$381,411* in 2002, a decrease of 4.2 percent. The 2001-2002 state change was 1.7 percent and the national change was 2.1 percent. The average annual growth rate from the 1992 estimate of \$268,345* to the 2002 estimate was 3.6 percent. The average annual growth rate for the state was 5.7 percent and for the nation was 5.4 percent.

**Note: All income estimates with the exception of PCPI are in thousands of dollars, not adjusted for inflation.*

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